



Join Us on Sunday, August 24 for the 2025 Reunion!

Double the Fun at the Farm!

We're thrilled to once again host our *Dreibelbis Cousins Reunion* back-to-back with the beloved Annual Farm Festival at the Historic Dreibelbis Farm!

That's right—not only will we be reuniting on Sunday at the farmstead we hold dear, but the day before (Saturday) you can step back in time at the Dreibelbis Farm Historical Society's Farm Festival. This yearly tradition features 40+ artisans showcasing old-time farm life—from candle-making and butchering to horse-drawn wagon tours, house tours, Bluegrass music, and much more!

Two days of fun, history, and heritage— what's not to love?

To help pull off this weekend double-header, we could use a few helping hands—especially right after the Festival ends on Saturday. We'll need to move tables and chairs to the barn, set up tents, hang signs, and get everything ready for Reunion day. Whether you're local or coming from out of town and staying overnight, we'd love your help making it all come together.

Thanks to your support, we're able to keep this special weekend going strong—for everyone near and far!

Two Ways to Register:

1. Complete registration form on pg. 8 and send along with payment.
2. Complete your registration and payment online at DreibelbisCousins.org/registration

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David Smoot, Reunion Speaker: The Art of Medicine During the Civil War



The American Civil War was the costliest war of our nation. More Americans died in that conflict than died during both world wars combined. Unlike the world wars, however, more succumbed to disease than combat. This program describes the state of the medical "art" at the time by

taking actual, named Union troops and tells of their medical issues, treatments and outcomes according to what passed for "normal" at the time."

Introducing Our New Look: A Bridge Between Generations

We're excited to unveil a fresh new look for the Dreibelbis Cousins of America—with a new logo and website that celebrates our heritage while looking ahead to the future!

At the heart of our new logo is a bridge—a meaningful symbol that pays tribute to the iconic Dreibelbis Covered Bridge near the Historic Farm, and also represents how our family continues to bridge the gap between past and future generations.

This thoughtful new design honors where we came from, while welcoming new cousins into the fold—reminding us that our shared story is still unfolding.

Along with the logo, we've also launched a new and improved website to help make it easier than ever to:

- Stay up to date on reunions and events
- Explore family history and archives
- Connect with cousins across the country
- Volunteer, donate, or get involved
- Visit DreibelbisCousins.org and bookmark it for future updates!

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A New Chapter of Leadership: Introducing Our Presidential Nominee

We're excited to announce the recommended nominee for the next President of the Dreibelbis Cousins of America—**Jacob Dreibelbis!** An official vote will take place at the upcoming 2025 Reunion this August.

Jacob lives in northern New Jersey with his wife, Rachel, and works as a Crop Insurance Adjustor, helping farmers avoid disaster and protect their livelihoods. His career reflects the same values of resilience and support that our organization holds dear.

Jacob is no stranger to the DCOA. He descends from Harvey Dreibelbis, who grew up just a few miles from our reunion site in Shoemakersville, PA. Harvey was deeply involved in DCOA genealogy, and after the passing of "Uncle Charles" (author of the 1966 Dreibelbis genealogy book), Harvey preserved his work and, with the help of DCOA officers, published the 1990 edition of our genealogy—a milestone in our family's historical record.

With such strong family roots and a clear commitment to community, we're confident that Jacob will be a capable and passionate leader, guiding the DCOA toward a bright and connected future.

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Obituaries

These obituaries are those reported since the 2024 newsletter or not previously published.

Carl E. Hollenbach

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(J-08-06765)

Died: 12/29/2024

Verna Alice Meitzler

(J-07-05209)

Died: 04/17/2024

Erma Mae (Bond) Merkel

wife of the late Irwin A. Merkel

(J-06-03028)

Died: date unknown

Paul James Miller

husband of Dorothy Miller

(J-08-06714)

Died: 06/04/2024

Holden R. Miller-Schaeffer

(J-10-06724-14)

Died: 09/24/2023

Andrew Jason Reichard

(J-08-03029-02)

Died: 11/17/2021

Jean A. Sunday Wetzel

(J-07-05028)

Died: 05/17/2024

Reunion Highlights: What to See, Do & Explore!

Schedule - Rain or shine!

10am	Registration Opens
10am - 3:30pm	Tour Property
11:30am - 1pm	Lunch Served
1:15 - 1:45pm	Family Meeting
1:45pm	Civil War Medicine Presentation
After speaker	Activities and Visiting
4pm	Clean Up

Civil War Medicine Presentation • House Tours • Nature Trail (1.1 mi.)

See Farm Buildings & Equipment • Socialize

DCOA Photography and Artifacts Booth

We will continue, with permission of the Cousins, to photograph anyone that is attending the Reunion for the first time or if you haven't attended the Reunion recently. We will continue to take photographs, which will document the Dreibelbis Cousins and eventually will correspond with our genealogy in Ancestry.com. Caveat: Your photos will not be used on social media. It is solely for genealogical purposes.

The Artifacts Booth will display several of the Dreibelbis family artifacts including mill items, dishes, certificates, photos, and other acquired artifacts. Please note: these artifacts purchased by or donated to the DCOA are to be shared with the entire Dreibelbis family. The Board will continue to protect them for future generations. Please stop by!

Dreibelbis Store

If you'd like a little memorabilia to commemorate the DCOA reunion, stop by the store! We will be offering metal stars crafted from the tin roof removed from the Historic Dreibelbis Farm barn, flour sacks, t-shirts, magnets, coasters, and more.

Kid's Corner will be organized and supervised by Dreibelbis Cousin and

volunteer, Diane Dreibelbis. Activities will be determined as we approach the Reunion. Feel free to let your kids enjoy these activities while you take in the history of the Farm or just enjoy some peace and quiet. Older children will be available for walks on the Nature Trail.

Genealogy Station

Fred Polaski will have his computer at the Genealogy Station at the Reunion, so bring your updates and watch them be added to the genealogy. Or just stop by to say hi and to ask genealogical questions.

Connection to our Swiss Ancestors

If you are interested in your ancestry, you won't want to miss the display at the Reunion. Among other things, you can see several items family members brought from Switzerland from the exact region where our ancestors lived. In addition is a large photo from the DCOA "first ever" reunion on September 3 - 5 in Kutztown, PA, that hosted some 400+ participants!

Donations Purchased

A few small artifacts were obtained over the past year. Please stop by the Artifacts Tent to check out our history.

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Now Online: Reunion Registration & Donations

We're making it even easier to stay connected—you can now register for the Family Reunion online! Whether you're planning to attend or want to support the event from afar, everything you need is just a few clicks away.

Coming Soon: Shop the Dreibelbis Family Collection

In the near future, we'll be introducing eCommerce functionality on the website, allowing you to purchase select Dreibelbis Family items online! Whether it's Reunion memorabilia, historical keepsakes, or fun ways to show off your family pride, you'll soon be able to support the family—and look good doing it.

Stay Connected to Your Cousins

The Dreibelbis Cousins of America organization has been successfully operating since 1932. During this time we have continued the annual Reunion to promote branches of the family meeting others, provided representation to County and State representatives to refurbish the Dreibelbis Covered Bridge, and had 1966 and 1990 editions of our Genealogy produced. Most recently, we have successfully transitioned to an online Genealogy which continues to grow into a 39,000+ person database.

Submit Your Articles

Let us know what is happening in your family so we can include it in next year's newsletter! Submit your articles to Aimee Dreibelbis at AimeeD@DreibelbisCousins.org no later than April 1 each year to be included in that year's newsletter.

Volunteer

- Submit birth, marriage and death information for cousins in your area of the country
- Reunion setup, cleanup, sales, or registration help
- Submit newsletter articles
- Newsletter preparation and mailing
- Reach out to Jacob Dreibelbis if you would like to help. JacobD@DreibelbisCousins.org

Donations are Always Needed and Appreciated!

If you are interested in supporting Dreibelbis Cousins of America (DCOA), there are several areas to which you could contribute!

- DCOA Newsletter Printing/Postage (to 850+ addresses)
- Genealogy Research/Artifacts/Ancestry.com
- Website Fees
- John Jacob Dreibelbis Cemetery Maintenance

Contributions can be mailed to Fred Polaski, treasurer: 32 Georgian Circle, Newark, DE 19711-2552.

Dreibelbis Cousins of America Social Media Pages

To follow the DCOA, please check out @DreibelbisHistory on Instagram and @DreibelbisCousinofAmerica on Facebook. Posts include updates on Reunions, Historic Dreibelbis Farm activities, family and building history, and genealogy. Inquiries are answered as efficiently and accurately as possible.

Please note: even if you are not a Facebook member, you should be able to see the Facebook page and its updates regarding Reunion dates and other items (only comments cannot be viewed).



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[@DreibelbisCousinofAmerica](https://www.facebook.com/DreibelbisCousinofAmerica)



Instagram
[@DreibelbisHistory](https://www.instagram.com/DreibelbisHistory)

2024 Reunion Awards

Oldest man

Terry Michael, 85, Whitehall, PA

Oldest woman

Eleanor Dreibelbis, 94, Mertztown, PA

Youngest child present

Lily Dreibelbis, 3, Downingtown, PA

Most recently married

Jacob and Rachel Dreibelbis, Hoboken, NJ at just one month!

Greatest distance traveled

Jim Trivelpiece, Duluth, WA

From Dust to Dollars: How the Dust Bowl Planted the Seeds of Crop Insurance

Written by Jacob Dreibelbis, J-09-06764-03

The Federal Crop Insurance Program quietly underwrites one of the largest safety nets in American life. Each year, it covers more than \$207 billion in total liability and insures over 500 million acres of farmland.

If that surprises you, you're not alone. When I started as a crop adjuster in 2014, I had no idea what I was walking into. But by the end of my first year, I'd seen firsthand the scale and complexity of the program.

The idea behind crop insurance is simple: provide a safety net for farmers and rural communities. It shields them from the financial shocks of droughts, pests, disease, and volatile markets. But as I spent more time in the field and behind the desk, I began to wonder where it all started—and how it might have touched our family, especially in places like Berks County, PA.

I'm still searching for answers, but that search has taken me back through some of the hardest chapters in American history. Because to be a Dreibelbis is, in one way or another, to be connected to agriculture. Even if we don't farm today, our family's story is rooted in the land and the people who worked it. And the more I've looked, the more I've come to believe that understanding where we come from can help us understand how strong and capable we still are today.

To understand the origins of crop insurance, you have to look at the conditions that made it necessary. That means stepping back—not just to the Great Depression, but to the ecological and economic collapse that came with it.

Most of us have some knowledge of the defining moments of that era. October 29, 1929—Black Tuesday. The day the Stock Market crashed, and the Great Depression began. Or December 7, 1941—Pearl Harbor, "A date which will live in infamy," as President Roosevelt called it. But there's another crisis from that same generation, one we hear less about: the Dust Bowl.

The Dust Bowl wasn't a single moment. It wasn't a headline or a radio address. It was slow, sprawling, and devastating. A natural disaster that unfolded over the better part of a decade, turning vast stretches of the Southern Plains into a wasteland and displacing hundreds of thousands of families. Because it happened gradually, it's easy to overlook. But it reshaped American agriculture—and in many ways, it still shapes the policies we rely on today.

The story begins with wheat. In July 1917, wheat prices hit \$3.00 a bushel—about \$73 in today's dollars. World War I had disrupted European production, creating soaring demand for American grain. For U.S. farmers, it was a signal: plant as much as you can, as fast as you can.

And so they did. In Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, and Colorado, millions of acres of native prairie were plowed under to make way for wheat and other cash crops. Encouraged by high prices, farmers expanded fast, tearing into fragile grasslands without much thought for erosion or soil health. The deep-rooted native grasses that had held the Plains together for centuries were gone.

Because to be a Dreibelbis is, in one way or another, to be connected to agriculture.

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Pioneer, Soldier, Sheriff:

Frontier Life of John Augustus Dreibelbis

Written by Fred Polaski, A-09-04312-06

John (M-04-00175) was the great grandson of John Jacob Dreibelbis who came to America in 1732 from Hassloch, Germany. John Jacob at first was indentured to a farmer in Germantown, PA, which is now part of Philadelphia. In 1743, John Jacob obtained land near Fleetwood, PA, married, built a house which is still standing today, and in 1744 married Barbara Burkhardt. John Jacob and Barbara had seven children, all of whom grew to adulthood, married, and had a family. The fourth child was Martin B. Dreibelbis. Martin was one of the founders of Schuylkill Haven, PA, married and had eight children. The third child was Jacob M. Dreibelbis, who was the father of John Augustus Dreibelbis. John Augustus was born in 1810 in Schuylkill Haven. Our records show he died in Winnemucca, Nevada, but we have no date.

The following is from the Dreibelbis Family of America book which was published in 1966. The English terminology in this may seem a little different than what you would normally use, but it is used throughout the Dreibelbis Family book.

The son of Jacob and Anna Margaret (Muche) Dreibelbis, was born in Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, and grew to manhood in that community.



l to r: Catherine Isabella and John Augustus Dreibelbis

As far as we know Mr. Dreibelbis was never married, and like his brother, had left Schuylkill Haven and went west working the lead mines at Galena, Illinois for several years, after which he went to Kentucky where he attended a college from which he graduated with high honors.

Mr. Dreibelbis had been born in 1810, and when the United States declared war on Mexico in 1843, he enlisted in the army where he served during the invasion. He was later on discharged with the rank of Major.

After his discharge from the army, Mr. Dreibelbis went to Shasta County, California, where he made his home and where he was elected as a sheriff of the county, and later in years he was made an Indian Commissioner for the western section of

the country. Sometime in later years Mr. Dreibelbis had been a Candidate for a Representative of his District to the House of Congress, but was defeated because of his Southern sympathies during the Civil War.

The picture shown above will hang on the wall of the redesigned Shasta County Sheriff's Office. Catherine is the daughter of John's brother, Lewis Jacob Dreibelbis.



Still Growing After 247 Years: The Dreibelbis Farm Today

The preservation and protection of the Dreibelbis farm is now in its 27th year and still going strong! Founded in 1778 by the son of our original ancestor (John Jacob Dreibelbis), it is the **second oldest continuously owned family farm in Berks County**. It is a pristine example of an early PA German farmstead.

Our activities throughout the year are focused on presenting features of the farm to the public as contained in our mission statement. This includes areas of archaeology, environmental preservation, farm history, colonial history, and education.

A busy year includes:

1. Ice harvesting demonstration in February.
2. Winter Nature Walk which includes wood duck nest box maintenance.
3. Native Lenape People Spring celebration and cultural event.
4. Spring peeper (frogs) wetland nature walk.
5. Spring wildflower walk.
6. August Farm festival (August 23) with re-enactors, music, food, house tours, and children's games. *(This is our premier event).*
7. Fall family fun day with games, stories, and pumpkin painting.
8. Also, we are pleased to host the Dreibelbis Cousins of America family reunion.

We are looking to develop further programming in the areas of domestic farm life including food preservation, gardening, sewing, cooking, house cleaning, clothes washing, etc. as would be found on an historic farm.

Maintenance issues continue, as you can imagine with a 247-year-old farmstead – roofing, painting, electrical work, wood repairs, weed control, field maintenance, etc.

With all the activities happening at the farm, there are many opportunities for Dreibelbis Cousins to help with our mission: maintenance, yard work, historical research, serving as tour guides, antique and artifact care, help with events, and of course financial support. As a 501-c-3 nonprofit, monetary donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated to help keep the farm operating.

Search Historic Dreibelbis Farm on **Instagram** and **Facebook** or visit our **website** at www.dreibelbisfarm.org.

NOTE: As last year, the DCOA family reunion is scheduled for Sunday August 24, the day after the Dreibelbis farm festival. This allows cousins from out of the area to do both events in one trip. Please flag me down at the reunion. I would like to meet you!

While we work closely with the DCOA, the Dreibelbis Farm Historical Society is a completely separate entity.

13th Annual Farm Festival

August 23, 2025 | 10am - 4pm

Demonstrators • Exhibits of PA German Farm Life • Music
Lectures • Hayrides • Hiking • House Tours • Food

Contact Information

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President, Dreibelbis Farm Historical Society
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Dreibelbis Genealogy

If you have factual information about John Jacob Dreibelbis' siblings or cousins, please let us know so it can be preserved. More importantly, if you have information about descendants of John Jacob Dreibelbis, please let us know so that the family tree can be updated. There are almost 26,000 recorded direct descendants of John Jacob Dreibelbis, and over 13,700 spouses in Ancestry.com, but the family tree shows many branches which end after only a few generations. There are likely many more Dreibelbis cousins who have not been identified, so if you would like to have an interesting hobby, one that can be both challenging and rewarding, let Fred Polaski know and he will direct you to locations in the Dreibelbis family tree that need work.

Ways to Update Your Genealogy Record

- Complete the form on this page and mail it to Fred Polaski
- Email your updates to Fred Polaski
- Update your info online at DreibelbisCousins.org/genealogy
- Visit the genealogy station at the Reunion



Accessing Ancestry.com

To gain access to the John Jacob Dreibelbis genealogy in Ancestry.com, please email Fred and he will "invite" you. This will provide access to dates of birth, death, and marriage; town of residence; and Dreibelbis genealogy numbers.

Save Green, Live Green

Go Digital with Our Family Newsletter!?

Help us save money and the environment by opting for our electronic family newsletter! Skip the clutter of paper mail and enjoy our updates right in your email inbox. It's easy and eco-friendly. Simply send a request to our secretary, Aimee Dreibelbis, at AimeeD@DreibelbisCousins.org and you'll be notified by email each year when the newsletter is posted on our website. Join us in making a positive impact and stay connected the green way!

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Dreibelbis Family Genealogy Information

Send
completed form to
Fred Polaski

Full Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Address / Place of Residence: _____
(only city or town will be listed in the genealogy)

Dreibelbis Number: _____
(if a number has been assigned)

Name of Parents: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Location of Birth: _____

Date of Death: _____ Burial Location (e.g. cemetery name): _____

Name of Spouse: _____ Date of Marriage: _____
(include maiden name for wives, indicate if divorced)

Spouse's Date of Birth: _____ Spouse's Location of Birth: _____

Spouse's Date of Death: _____ Spouse's Burial Location: _____

Note: If the Dreibelbis cousin was married more than once, complete the spousal information for all spouses.

Name of Children: _____

(For each child, please include date of birth, and if applicable, date of death and burial location.)

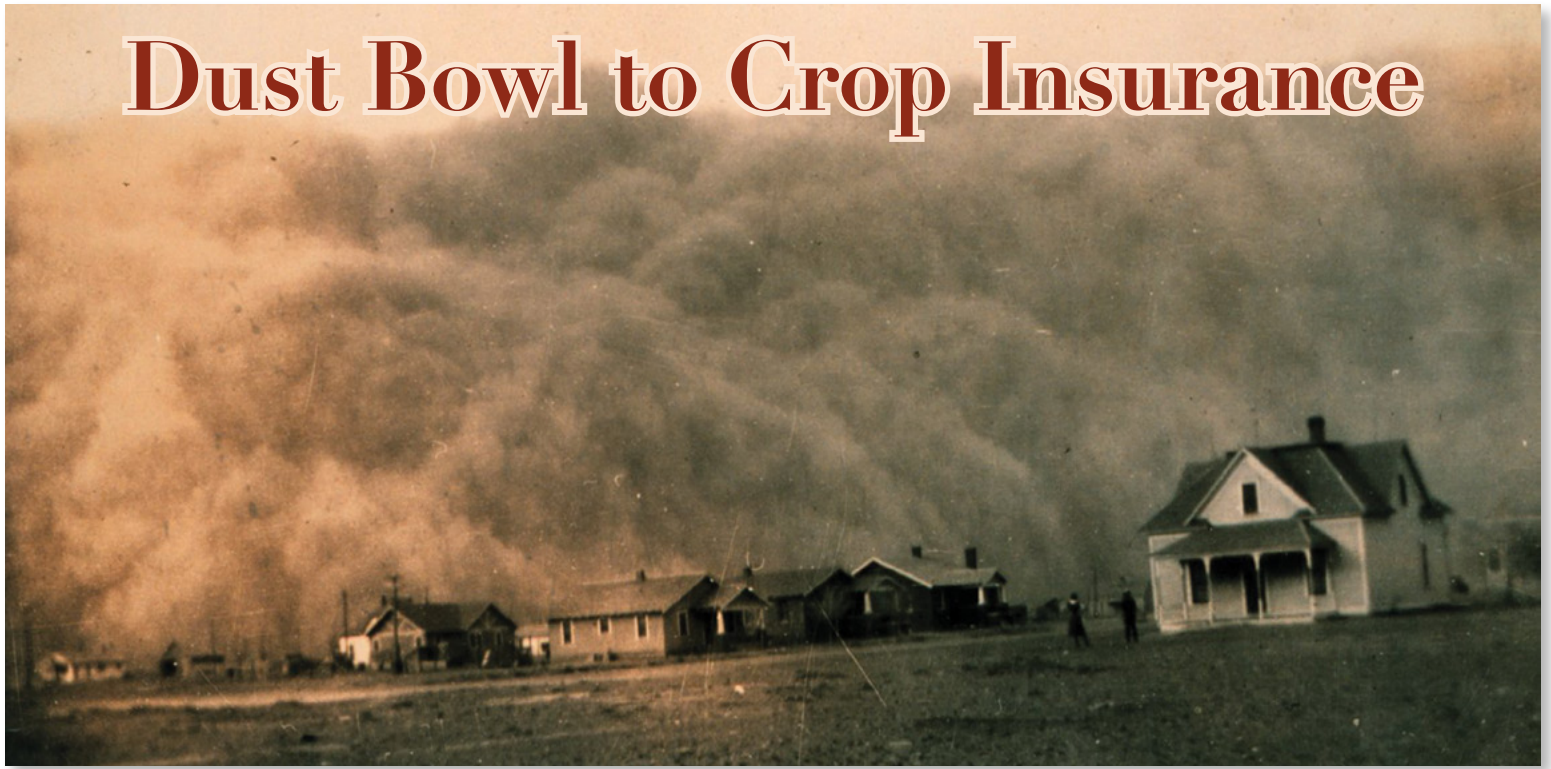
Any information that identifies Dreibelbis relatives and any information on occupation, where they lived, military service, or anything else of interest.

Information provided by: Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Dust Bowl to Crop Insurance



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Then came the drought. And when the rains failed in the early 1930s, there was nothing to keep the land in place. The topsoil—the very stuff that fed the wheat—lifted into the air and blew away. Dust storms blacked out the sun. Crops failed. Wheat prices collapsed to 30 cents a bushel. Farm incomes evaporated.

Families packed what they could and moved. Most left everything behind. While we may never know the full extent of how our own family in the region was affected, Fred Polaski, the DCOA Genealogist, identified more than 29 Dreibelbis Cousins farming in the Midwest during those years. Whatever they faced, they endured it. And as we face our own uncertain times, it's worth remembering that somewhere, at some point in time, there was a Dreibelbis who had it worse—finding a way to move forward, making something out of what remained.

But what drew me to this story—and to crop insurance—wasn't just what failed on the Southern Plains. It was what held steady in Berks County.

While the soil was blowing away in the West, Berks County was holding the line. Pennsylvania wasn't immune to hardship, but our farms were more diversified—corn, rye, hay, dairy. That mix offered a kind of resilience the monoculture of the Plains could not.

And quietly, one of the heroes of that resilience was the humble gristmill. Powered by water, stone, and long hours, these mills turned grain into flour and feed—essentials for families and livestock alike. Among them stood the Dreibelbis Mill in Shoemakersville, PA, operated through this era by my great-grandfather, William Henry Dreibelbis, and his 4 sons, including my grandfather, Harvey Cleophas Dreibelbis.

The mill ground local wheat into flour and corn into meal. While I can't say with certainty how every transaction was handled, historical evidence from the region suggests that when farmers brought their harvests, they often paid however they could—cash, eggs, meat, labor. It was a business, yes, but it was also a lifeline to the community.

In a story that comes to me fourth-hand, William Henry would stand outside church on Sundays, ledger in his coat pocket, jotting notes, settling accounts—much to the dismay of my great-grandmother, Dinah Dreibelbis. But the mill's doors stayed open. The work continued.

It was the beginning of a new role for government in agriculture—an early forerunner to the public-private crop insurance programs we know today.

In 1933, as the crisis deepened, the federal government stepped in with the Agricultural Adjustment Act. The idea was radical for its time: pay farmers to plant less in order to drive prices up. It was the beginning of a new role for government in agriculture—an early forerunner to the public-private crop insurance programs we know today.

But in Berks County, many farmers turned the government down. The land was still good. The markets still needed feed and flour. And the mills—ours included—kept grinding. Quietly, reliably, this corner of Pennsylvania helped keep bread on the table in towns and cities across the region.

It would be another 50 years before participation in crop insurance programs really took off in places like Berks County. Even today, enrollment remains low in this region of Pennsylvania compared to other farming communities. Interestingly enough, year-after-year Berks County gets identified by crop insurance companies like mine as an “Extreme Growth Wanted” county—thanks to its strong soils and stubborn resilience.

I didn't grow up turning grindstones or shoveling grain. But I often think about what it must have meant to keep a mill running in the 1930s. When the skies were dry. When money was scarce. When hope was harder to come by. And yet—the stones kept turning. The wheat kept coming in. The flour kept going out.

That's the kind of quiet courage I want to carry forward. Not just in my work, but in how I live. How I show up for my community. How I honor the people who came before me.

This story attempts to connect my career in crop insurance to the endurance of our ancestors. But I hope it does more than that. I hope it gives you reason to believe that our legacy is not just something to preserve—but something to live into. A reminder that even in the hardest seasons, someone kept going. Someone made do. Someone kept the stones turning, and the people fed.

And if they did, we can too.

Image above: Dust storm approaching Stratford, Texas Dust bowl surveying in Texas | Image ID: theb1365, Historic C&GS Collection
Location: Stratford, Texas | Photo Date: April 18, 1935 | Credit: NOAA George E. Marsh Album

One Cousin's Journey: John Augustus Dreibelbis and the 9th Iowa Infantry

Written by David Dreibelbis, J-09-06799-01

Most of our Cousins fought in Pennsylvania regiments, the 48th, 96th, 151st, to name a few. There were, however, out-of-state combatants also. One of them was John Augustus Dreibelbis, M-05-754, who was a Corporal in Company D, 9th Iowa volunteer infantry. John was born April 14, 1840, in Scotch Grove, Jones County, Iowa.

He enlisted on August 16, 1861, in Monticello, Iowa. The regiment was organized on September 24, 1861, in Dubuque and assigned to Carr's Division Army of the Southwest. (Many Iowa regiments were in the Army of the Tennessee under Ulysses Grant and participated in the sanguinary Battle of Shiloh.) The 9th infantry's first engagement was the Battle of Pea Ridge (or Elkhorn Tavern) where they received the majority of their casualties in this Union victory, which took place on March 7, 1862 in Northwest Arkansas. According to Army records, Corporal Dreibelbis was "slightly" wounded. No wound location was noted, but he succumbed December 16, 1862. It is unknown if he died from complications of his wound or

from disease. Deaths from disease were uncommonly high in Helena during this time period. Perhaps it was a combination of both things.

Corporal Dreibelbis was buried initially in Helena, but he re-interred in the National Cemetery in Memphis, Tennessee. If you check www.find-a-grave.com, you will see a marker in Scotch Grove, Iowa, which is likely a cenotaph.

The 9th infantry was finally mustered out on July 18, 1865, after serving at Vicksburg, Lookout Mountain, Atlanta, the March to the Sea, and finally Bentonville, unfortunately without John Augustus!

To see how John made it to Iowa, check out his father, Lewis Jacob (M-04-00176), who was born in Schuylkill County. Refer to page 94 of the 1990 Dreibelbis Genealogy book. His mother was Mary (McIntyre) Dreibelbis and his brother, Jacob Augustus Dreibelbis, who lived from October 17, 1842 to April 16, 1863, was enlisted in Company H, 31st Iowa, Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis.

Total Enrollment of the Regiment

1,440

Killed or Died of Wounds

12 Officers
142 Enlisted Men

Died of Disease

2 Officers
230 Enlisted Men

Wounded

385 Men

Killed or Mortally Wounded

74

Artifact Spotlight



The artifact is about 12-inch long, made of paper with a thin wooden handle. It could be used on a hot day while buying a car, getting your car serviced, or sitting through a church service. The paper fan is from Myers A. Balthaser Dodge and Plymouth in Virginville, Pennsylvania. While not bearing the Dreibelbis name, Virginville was a tight-knit community and an integral part of the family.

The *Ten Commandments of How to Get Along With People* are written on the back. They are all important, but we'll share #4:

"Be interested in others; interested in their pursuits, their welfare, their homes and families. Make merry with those that rejoice; with those who weep, mourn. Let everyone you meet, however humble, feel that you regard him as one of importance."

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2025 DCOA Reunion Registration

(Online registration and payment available @ DreibelbisCousins.org/registration)

Names of Attendees: _____

If you would like to tour the house, please select your time:

☐ 10:45am ☐ 3pm (after meeting and presentation)

To assist in planning for games and activities, please list ages of all children attending. _____

Lunch Registration

Ages	# attending	Cost	Total
12 - adult		\$12	
3 - 11		\$ 6	
under 3		FREE	
Choosing not to eat?		FREE	

Donations

Whether you can attend or not, your support is needed.

Dreibelbis Cousins of America (DCOA)
Newsletter printing/Postage (850+ addresses), genealogy
research, artifacts, website and ancestry.com fees, John
Jacob Dreibelbis Cemetery Maintenance, etc.

Dreibelbis Farm Historical Society

TOTAL (includes lunch and donation)

Make checks payable to Dreibelbis Cousins of America



We are looking forward to seeing you
at the Historic Dreibelbis Farm!

GPS

356 Hard Hill Road | Hamburg, PA 19526

On the Map

Route 143, south of Virginville, PA

Mail check and registration form to: Aimee Dreibelbis,
1213 Bartville Road, Christiana, PA 17509.

Please register by August 8, 2025 so we can provide
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